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The six Government career women who will receive the fourth annual Federal Woman's Award were named today by Mrs. Katie Louchheim, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Woman's Award. The women who have been selected for this top honor, by an independent panel of judges, represent high achievement in the fields of commerce, foreign service, mathematics, medicine, personnel training, and social welfare. They were chosen for their outstanding contributions to the quality and efficiency of the career service of the Federal Government, for their influence on major Government programs, and for personal qualities of leadership, judgment, integrity, and dedication.

### The recipients of the Award are:

Dr. Evelyn Anderson, Research Scientist, Life Sciences, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.; National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Dr. Gertrude Blanch, Senior Scientist (Numerical Analysis), Applied Mathematics Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Department of the Air Force.

Miss Selene Gifford, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Messer, Assistant to the Deputy Director, Bureau of Retirement and Insurance, U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Dr. Margaret Wolman Schwartz, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

Mrs. Patricia G. van Delden, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, Attaché of Embassy, Bonn, Germany; United States Information Agency.

Citations and biographical facts on each Award winner follow.

Dr. Evelyn Anderson, for her distinguished achievements in endocrine research and her outstanding contributions to many areas of endocrinology. Dr. Anderson was born in Willmar, Minnesota. She received her BA and MA degrees from Carleton College, her MD from the University of California, and her PhD (in biochemistry) from McGill University, and was on the medical faculty of the University of California from 1935 to 1947. She began her Federal career in 1947 as Chief, Endocrinology Section, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, National Institutes of Health, where she remained for 15 years and became nationally known through her work on hypothalamic control of the anterior pituitary gland and on the mechanism by which the endocrine system is summoned to adapt to a stressful environment. Since her transfer to NASA in 1962, she has built up at Ames Research Center a distinguished endocrinological laboratory for advancing the endocrinologic understanding of the effects of aerospace stresses. She has published several books and more than 100 research papers, some written in collaboration with her husband, Dr. Webb Haymaker, who is a Senior Scientist also stationed at Ames Research Center.

Dr. Gertrude Blanch, for her pioneering work and leadership in the field of numerical analysis, which has had great impact on the applied mathematics research of the Air Force. Dr. Blanch was born in Poland, attended school in Brooklyn, received her BS degree from New York University, and her MS and PhD degrees in Mathematics from Cornell University. After several years as instructor in mathematics at Hunter College and Brooklyn College, and a concurrent period as mathematics project technician with the Work Projects Administration, in 1942 she joined the staff of the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, where she served in successively higher grade mathematics positions for 12 years. In 1954 she transferred to the Department of the Air Force as mathematician at Wright Air Development Center; was promoted in 1959 to the Applied Mathematics Research Branch; and in 1962 was promoted to Senior Scientist in the Applied Mathematics Research Laboratory, the first woman in the Air Force to receive this distinction. Dr. Blanch has been responsible for the construction of many important tables of the higher mathematical functions, including tables required in guided missile studies, tables of grid coordinates on the American polyconic projection, Loran computations, ballistic problems, problems relating to under-water sound experiments, and others. She has an outstanding reputation among numerical analysts in this country and abroad, and has published numerous papers on mathematical subjects.

Miss Selene Gifford, for her exceptional executive ability and leadership, vision, and understanding, in administering programs for the improvement of the total welfare of the American Indians. A native of Rochester, Massachusetts, Miss Gifford received her BA degree in sociology from the University of Wisconsin and worked with public and private welfare agencies in Rochester, N. Y., Minneapolis, Minn., and Buffalo, N. Y. She began her Federal career in 1935, first with the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and then with the Works Progress Administration (later the Federal Works Agency), serving as social worker, regional supervisor, and headquarters section chief. From 1942 to 1944 she was Director of the Welfare Division of the War Relocation Authority; from 1944 to 1949 she served with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the International Refugee Organization in Cairo, London, and Geneva, directing the maintenance, health, and reestablishment of war refugees. She has been with the Bureau of Indian Affairs since 1949, and Assistant Commissioner since 1952. Miss Gifford works closely with State governments for the provision of better community services for Indians, and coordinates the Bureau's programs with social service programs of other Federal departments and agencies. She also interprets the social programs of the Bureau to foreign officials.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Messer, for her outstanding skill, imagination, and achievements in the field of Federal employee development and training. Mrs. Messer was born in Montrose, Ark., and grew up in Mississippi. She attended Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson, Miss., and the George Washington University. Her Government career began in the Civil Service Commission, which she entered as a junior stenographer in 1934. In 1948 she transferred from her position of Administrative Assistant in the Training Division to the U. S. Public Health Service as Training Officer. In 1954 she returned to the Civil Service Commission's Career Development Section; she prepared the Commission's presentation of the Federal Employees Training Bill to the Congress, and was later detailed to the House Committee to work on the bill (which was enacted). In 1959 she was promoted to Employee Development Officer on the Task Force set up to implement the newly enacted Federal Employees Health Benefits Act. Here she planned and managed one of the biggest single training efforts ever undertaken in the Federal service: the world-wide training in health insurance for more than two million employees, with highly original and successful techniques of presenting the program's complex details in clear and simple form. She is widely recognized as a consultant on training in the Federal service.

Dr. Margaret Wolman Schwartz, for her successful administration of a highly complex agency operating in the specialized field of economic warfare. A native of Baltimore, Mrs. Schwartz attended Swarthmore College, and received her PhD degree in economics from the Johns Hopkins University. After a brief employment with the Labor Department, she transferred to the Treasury Department in 1941 as a commercial specialist in Foreign Funds Control. She was promoted through successively higher positions in the Office of International Finance to her present position, which she has held since October 1962. The Office of Foreign Assets Control regulates hundreds of millions of dollars in frozen Communist Chinese, North Korean,

and Cuban assets in the United States, and prevents improper trade by Americans with those areas. Mrs. Schwartz's supervisory responsibility includes final decisions on policy, licensing, and enforcement activities, which implement United States foreign policy, affect important commercial and financial transactions in international trade, and determine whether criminal prosecutions shall be initiated against violators. Offices in Washington, New York, and Hong Kong carry out these functions under her direction.

Mrs. Patricia G. van Delden, for her consistent record of distinguished achievement in spreading understanding of the United States in other countries. A native of Los Angeles and a graduate of the University of California, Mrs. van Delden has an MS degree in psychology from the University of Munich and has attended the Universities of Zurich and Vienna. She became associated with the Federal Government in 1948, after several years' activity with the Dutch underground resistance group during World War II, and service with war relief organizations. She was stationed in Germany until 1951 with the Office of Military Government and with the U. S. High Commission for Germany, where she had responsibility for 27 information centers. She went to Tokyo for the U. S. Information Agency in 1952 and brought 23 Army occupation information centers in Japan under civilian management. After a period in Washington in 1955 as Deputy Chief, Intelligence Production Division, USIA, she went to Copenhagen as Cultural Attaché at the American Embassy, and from there to The Hague in 1959 as Public Affairs Officer of the American Embassy. She was assigned to Bonn, Germany, in 1963. Mrs. van Delden has made an outstanding success of each of her assignments, learning the language and developing excellent local working relationships. She is the highest ranking woman in the USIA and the first to reach the top class in its career foreign service.

The Federal Woman's Award was established in 1960 and the first awards were given in February 1961. It is the only award program created exclusively for the purpose of honoring career women in the Federal Government.

In announcing the winners for 1964, Mrs. Louchheim, who is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Advisory Services, said: "Every year the invaluable service being performed by dedicated and talented women, in virtually every profession, becomes more apparent through these Awards. The remarkable careers and achievements of these six women are the best possible evidence that women have the ability and the will to succeed when given the opportunity. These examples should settle any doubts (if there are any) about the justice of President Johnson's emphasis on fully equal opportunity for women in the higher grades of the Federal career service.

"With the President's policy firmly established," Mrs. Louchheim added, "career prospects in Government for able and ambitious young women are certainly the brightest they have ever been."

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The judges who made the final selections for the 1964 Award from among the career women nominated by Federal agency heads were: Barry Bingham, Editor and Publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, who is chairman of the panel; Vernon R. Alden, President of Ohio University; Jeanne L. Noble, Associate Professor, Center for Human Relations, New York University; Elizabeth Weston, Managing Editor of McCall's Magazine; and Frazar B. Wilde, Chairman of the Board of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

The winners will receive the awards at a banquet in their honor on March 3 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C.

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# Hard Work on the Job Earns Awards



KATHARINE MATHER



BLANCHE NOYES



VERNA MOHAGEN



DR. ELEANOR L. MAKEL



BESSIE MARGOLIN



ELEANOR PRESSLY

THE six recipients of this year's Federal Woman's Awards agreed that they suffered no discrimination because of their sex in their chosen fields of endeavor—which include aviation, geology, law, medicine, personnel administration and space science.

And they said that tho they work hard, they are not slaves to their jobs.

Mrs. Katie Louchheim, chairman of the Federal Woman's Award Board of Trustees, released the names of the ladies selected for their outstanding contributions to the quality and efficiency of the career service of the Federal government. All but Mrs. Katharine Mather, who is stationed in Jackson, Miss., work here.

The winners will receive their Awards at a banquet in their honor on May 2 at the Statler.

• Dr. Eleanor L. Makel, 49, is a supervisory medical officer in Internal Medicine at St. Elizabeths. She earned her award for outstanding ability and leadership in developing and directing a hospital program of medical care and training. She is the first Negro at the professional level to be admitted to the medical staff of St. Elizabeths.

• Miss Bessie Margolin, 54, received her award for exceptional competence as an appellate advocate and significant contributions to the administration and enforcement of Federal labor laws.

She said she decided early to become a lawyer. "I don't know why," she remarked, "except I like debating and the stimulation of discussion."

She is Associate Solicitor at the Labor Department.

• Mrs. Katherine Mather, 47, is a geologist, and earned her award for research on concrete and concrete materials. She is with the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station in Jackson, Miss.

She said she is "fascinated by the immediate technical problem of her job and the ultimate usefulness to the taxpayers."

• Miss Verna C. Mohagen, 41, began her government career as a clerk stenographer. She is now director of Personnel for the Soil Conservation Service.

She received her award for leadership and progressiveness in directing personnel management. "In personnel work you are always busy, never bored," Miss Mo-

62, is a pilot with 13,000 certified flying hours to her credit. "The Award means age and sex have nothing to do with your position. Every woman pilot—about 9000—has been honored," she said.

Mrs. Noyes earned her award for her formulation and direction of air marking programs leading to improvements in visual aids to air navigation. She is with the Federal Aviation Agency.

• Miss Eleanor C. Pressly, 44, was honored for her

work in the development of sounding rockets and for the scheduling and coordination of launchings of such vehicles in support of upper atmospheric research.

She manages the Sounding Rockets Branch of the Goddard Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Woodward and Lothrop, the largest employer of women here, outside the government, is sponsoring the Awards as a civic service.

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